

From: Melanie Allen Truan [<mailto:mltruan@ucdavis.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2008 4:03 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support for Marine Protected Areas

To Whom It May Concern,

As a professional ecologist and former inhabitant of the Central Coast, I support the establishment of a strong network of Marine Protected Areas on the North-Central Coast. These reserves have been shown to provide great benefits to humans, wildlife and the marine ecosystem by providing underwater state parks for recreation and protected refuges and nurseries for imperiled populations of marine organisms. Given the depleted nature of our marine ecosystems, these protected refuges are crucial for the reestablishment of the marine diversity upon which we all depend. Keep up the good work!

Melanie Allen Truan

Ph.D

mltruan@ucdavis.edu

Director of Biomonitoring

Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology

University of California, Davis

530.754.4975 (office)

530.867.3610 (mobile)

"Researchers have already cast much darkness on the subject, and if they continue their investigations we shall soon know nothing at all about it."

Mark Twain